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Memorandum. QTE Recent events in Middle East and in straits of Formosa have contributed to show present organization of Western Alliance no longer corresponds to necessary conditions of security as far as whole of free world is concerned. The sharing of risks incurred is not matched by indispensable cooperation on decisions taken and on responsibilities. From this French Govt is led draw conclusions and make several propositions.

1. Atlantic Alliance was conceived and its functioning is prepared with view to eventual zone of action which no longer corresponds to political and strategic realities. World being as it is one cannot consider as adapted to its purpose an organization such as NATO which is limited to security of North Atlantic as if what is happening for example in Middle East or Africa did not immediately and directly concern Europe and as if indivisible responsibilities of France did not extend to

Africa

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Africa Indian Ocean and Pacific in same way as those of Great Britain and United States. Moreover radius of action of ships and planes and range of missiles render militarily outdated such a narrow system. It is true at first it was admitted atomic armament evidently of capital importance would remain for long time monopoly of United States a fact which might have appeared justify that decisions on world level concerning defense would be practically delegated to Washington Government. But on this point also it must be recognized such fact admitted originally no longer justified by reality.

2. France could therefore no longer consider that NATO in its present form meets conditions of security of free world and notably its own. It appears necessary to it (France) that on level of world policy and strategy there be set up organization composed of: United States, Great Britain and France. It would be up to this organization on one hand take joint decisions on political questions affecting world security and on other to establish and if necessary put into effect strategic plans of action notably with regard employment nuclear weapons. It would then be possible foresee and organize eventual theaters of operations subordinated to general organization (such as Arctic, Atlantic, Pacific, Indian Ocean) which could if necessary be subdivided into subordinate theaters.

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3. French Govt considers such security organization indispensable. It (French Govt) subordinates to it as of now all development of its present participation in NATO and proposes should such appear necessary for reaching agreement to invoke provision for revising North Atlantic Treaty in accordance Article 12.

4. French Govt suggests that questions raised in this note be object as soon as possible of consultations among United States, Great Britain and France. It proposes these consultations take place in Washington and at outset through the Embassies and Permanent Group. UNQTE

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